



93RD GENERAL ASSEMBLY
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SYNOPSIS AS INTRODUCED:

20 ILCS 2310/2310-353 new

Amends the Department of Public Health Powers and Duties Law of the Civil Administrative Code of Illinois. Provides that, subject to appropriation, the Department of Public Health shall establish a childhood obesity prevention program designed to prevent and reduce the incidence and prevalence of obesity in children and adolescents, especially among populations with high rates of obesity and obesity-related health complications. Requires the Department to periodically collect and analyze information from certain sources in order to (i) determine the prevalence of childhood obesity in the State and (ii) evaluate the effectiveness of the program. Provides that the Director of Public Health may directly administer the program and authorizes the Department, subject to appropriation, to make grants for community-based projects targeted at populations at high risk for childhood obesity. Effective immediately.

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FISCAL NOTE ACT
MAY APPLY

1 AN ACT concerning public health.

2 **Be it enacted by the People of the State of Illinois,**
3 **represented in the General Assembly:**

4 Section 5. The Department of Public Health Powers and
5 Duties Law of the Civil Administrative Code of Illinois is
6 amended by adding Section 2310-353 as follows:

7 (20 ILCS 2310/2310-353 new)

8 Sec. 2310-353. Childhood obesity prevention program.

9 (a) Subject to appropriation, the Department shall
10 establish a childhood obesity prevention program. The program
11 shall be designed to prevent and reduce the incidence and
12 prevalence of obesity in children and adolescents, especially
13 among populations with high rates of obesity and
14 obesity-related health complications including, but not
15 limited to, diabetes, heart disease, cancer, osteoarthritis,
16 and asthma. The program shall use recommendations and goals of
17 the United States Departments of Agriculture and Health and
18 Human Services, the Surgeon General, and the Centers for
19 Disease Control and Prevention in developing and implementing
20 guidelines for nutrition education and physical activity
21 projects. The content and implementation of the program must
22 emphasize the many options available to consumers, without
23 specifically targeting the elimination of any particular food
24 group, food product, or food-related industry.

25 (b) The childhood obesity prevention program must include,
26 but not be limited to, the following:

27 (1) development of media health promotion campaigns
28 targeted at children and adolescents and their parents and
29 caregivers that emphasize increased consumption of
30 low-calorie, high-nutrient foods, decreased consumption of
31 high-calorie, low-nutrient foods, and increased physical
32 activity;

1 (2) establishment of school-based childhood obesity
2 prevention nutrition education and physical activity
3 programs, including linkages to physical and health
4 education courses;

5 (3) establishment of community-based childhood obesity
6 prevention nutrition education and physical activity
7 programs, including programs that involve parents and
8 children;

9 (4) coordination with the Illinois State Board of
10 Education, the Department of Human Services, the
11 Department of Children and Family Services, and other
12 federal, State, and local agencies to incorporate
13 strategies to prevent and reduce childhood obesity into
14 government food assistance, health, education, and
15 recreation programs;

16 (5) sponsorship of periodic conferences or meetings
17 that bring together experts in nutrition, exercise, public
18 health, mental health, education, parenting, media, food
19 marketing, food security, agriculture, community planning,
20 and other disciplines to examine community-based solutions
21 to the problem of childhood obesity and to issue guidelines
22 and recommendations for State policy and programs; and

23 (6) development of training programs for medical and
24 other health professionals to teach practical skills in
25 nutrition and exercise education to children and their
26 parents and caregivers.

27 (c) The Department shall periodically collect and analyze
28 information from schools, health and nutrition programs, and
29 other sources to determine the prevalence of childhood obesity
30 in the State and to evaluate, to the extent possible, the
31 effectiveness of the childhood obesity prevention program.

32 (d) The Director of Public Health may directly administer
33 the childhood obesity prevention program. Subject to
34 appropriation, the Department may make grants for
35 community-based projects targeted at populations at a high risk
36 for childhood obesity.

1 Section 99. Effective date. This Act takes effect upon
2 becoming law.